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SEASON 1947

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H. J. DYKE
President

MAURIE FLEMING
Hon. Secretary

RICHMOND

CLUB OFFICIALS AND ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE ADMISSION TO LEAGUE

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Captain	Highest Goal Kicker	For Gls.	For Bhds.	Against Gls.	Against Bhds.	Position
1908	G. H. Bennett, M.L.A.	A. Mannie	A. McNair	C. Panram R. Condon	W. Bourke (24)	128	172	178	207	Ninth
1909	F. G. Tudor, M.H.R.	"	"	J. Lawson	W. Bourke (20)	112	153	179	209	Eighth
1910	"	"	"	W. Schmidt	M. Maguire (20)	127	175	121	186	Seventh
1911	"	G. P. Beacheroft	J. Macdermott	L. Incigneri	M. Maguire (39)	122	199	138	193	Eighth
1912	"	W. H. Lohse	J. H. Archer	E. Ohlsen	E. Keggin (24)	115	173	184	229	Ninth
1913	"	"	"	H. James	P. Martyn (32)	143	176	150	190	Seventh
1914	"	"	"	W. Thomas	C. Hall (32)	143	220	143	219	Eighth
1915	"	"	"	"	C. Hall (25)	125	150	158	216	Sixth
1916	"	W. A. Maybury	"	P. H. Mayboury	P. Martyn (22)	120	139	131	170	Fourth
1917	"	"	"	C. H. Hall	C. Fehring (14)	104	138	127	192	Sixth
1918	"	"	"	W. Thomas	D. Don (19)	96	176	117	155	Sixth
1919	A. Wood	"	"	D. T. Minogue	D. Don (31)	172	251	148	210	Runners-up
1920	"	"	"	"	G. Baylis (63)	202	223	143	154	Premiers
1921	"	"	A. Aarons	"	G. Baylis (53)	188	222	149	226	Premiers
1922	"	"	"	"	G. Baylis (32)	146	163	154	204	Fifth
1923	"	"	"	"	D. Fraser (18)	121	180	156	202	Fifth
1924	J. H. Archer	Perc. Page	J. D. Langdon	"	M. Morris (44)	172	259	169	222	Runners-up
1925	"	"	"	M. Morris	M. Morris (25)	132	189	158	183	Ninth
1926	"	"	"	A. Geddes	D. Lynch (31)	186	261	214	211	Seventh
1927	"	"	"	"	J. Baggott (37)	218	270	164	219	Runners-up
1928	"	"	"	C. Lilburne	J. Baggott (62)	253	303	195	218	Runners-up
1929	"	"	"	A. Geddes	J. Titus (54)	277	311	235	220	Runners-up
1930	"	"	"	M. Hunter	J. Titus (50)	214	257	175	207	Fifth
1931	"	"	"	P. Bentley	D. Strang (68)	247	292	174	243	Runners-up
1932	B. V. Herbert	J. J. Smith	"	"	D. Strang (49)	242	290	174	244	Premiers
1933	"	"	"	"	D. Strang (51)	281	249	206	241	Ninth
1934	"	"	"	"	J. Titus (80)	266	284	206	235	Fifth
1935	"	"	"	"	J. Titus (83)	253	245	215	247	Tenth
1936	H. L. Roberts	"	"	"	J. Titus (83)	239	239	225	200	Fifth
1937	"	"	G. B. Smith	"	J. Titus (65)	244	252	225	207	Fifth
1938	"	"	C. E. Turner	"	J. Titus (72)	253	229	219	249	Sixth
1939	B. V. Herbert	M. E. Sheahan	"	"	J. Titus (48)	245	316	220	221	Ninth
1940	H. J. Dyke	J. M. Fleming	"	"	J. Titus (100)	285	252	238	269	Sixth
1941	"	"	"	J. Dyer	J. Titus (87)	255	265	227	242	Sixth
1942	"	"	"	"	J. Titus (67)	278	267	213	232	Sixth
1943	"	"	"	"	R. Harris (63)	234	274	198	214	Sixth
1944	"	"	"	"	R. Harris (63)	305	285	236	256	Sixth
1945	"	"	"	"	F. Burge (55)	254	278	249	248	Seventh
1946	"	"	"	"	A. Mooney (49)	275	271	234	255	Fifth
1947	"	"	J. J. Smith	"	J. Dyer (46)	254	276	238	267	Fourth
					Totals	8027	9330	7383	8702	

MAURIE FLEMING

Honorary Secretary from Season 1940.

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Mr. J. H. Jones.

Richmond Second Eighteen Representative on Committee:
Mr. J. Joyce.

Delegate to Richmond Second Eighteen:
Mr. R. Healey.

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Hon. Medical Officer: Dr. P. L. Grogan.

Hon. Masseur: Mr. Gordon Chivers.

Hon. Chiropodist: Mr. R. Burton.

Playing Coach: Mr. J. Dyer.

Timekeeper: Mr. W. Stanbrough. **Asst. Timekeeper:** Mr. L. Gordon.

Captain: Mr. J. Dyer.

Vice-Captain: Mr. L. Merrett.

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Asst. Property Steward: Mr. P. O'Shannassy.

Players' Property Steward: Mr. T. Griffin.

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NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE-BEARERS, SEASON 1948

Vice-Presidents (two required):

R. H. DUNN and P. J. KENNELLY

Committee (two required):

L. J. GORING and R. HEALEY

PLAYERS IN PREMIERSHIP MATCHES, SEASON 1947

	First Played	Matches 1947	Total Matches Played
Albiston, K.	1946	5	8
Bourke, F.	1943	6	16
Burge, F.	1942	18	67
Calverley, D.	1946	6	18
Colls, K.	1947	5	5
Cook, F.	1944	16	65
Cook, W.	1947	4	4
Currie, M.	1947	5	5
Durham, R.	1943	15	42
Dyer, J.	1931	20	279
Evans, R.	1947	4	4
Fraser, D.	1945	11	48
Hill, V.	1947	2	2
Jones, L.	1944	14	33
Knott, D.	1947	4	4
Maguire, L.	1941	13	93
Merrett, L.	1940	19	138
Mooney, A.	1943	13	64
Morris, W.	1942	18	74
Oppy, M.	1942	16	92
Pannam, A.	1947	2	2
Perkins, W.	1940	17	117
Phillips, P.	1947	10	10
Potter, R.	1945	1	2
Poulter, R.	1946	15	19
Priestley, C.	1938	13	102
Roberts, K.	1947	13	13
Roberts, J.	1947	1	1
Ross, N.	1945	5	25
Rowe, D.	1946	4	9
Russell, W.	1942	14	29
Sherman, P.	1947	2	2
Stokes, R.	1946	15	28
Taylor, L.	1944	11	18
Turner, J.	1945	2	13
Watson, J.	1947	10	10
Wiggins, R.	1945	6	23
Wilson, W.	1944	18	63
Wright, R.	1946	8	14

Thirty-nine players, including twelve first-year players, participated in premiership games during the 1947 season.

Annual Report of the Committee of Management, 1947

To the Members of the Richmond Football Club,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the conclusion of another splendid season on the field and off we submit with pleasure the 1947 Annual Report and Balance Sheet for your approval. After a very poor start in which we lost four of the first five games and relegated to second lowest position on the premiership list, the critics were preparing our members for the slump which comes to all Clubs. However, many of these had not taken into account the phenomenal run of injuries the Club was experiencing. At one period no fewer than 17 listed players were unavailable for selection by either first or second eighteens, but your officials were not perturbed knowing that the material was at the Club to bring the side up to the leaders with an even break of luck. Among the players injured in the early part of the season were Max Oppy, Bill Morris, Frank Bourke, Ron Durham, Ron Evans, Leo Maguire, Bill Perkins, Jack Turner and Roy Wright, and the absence of these talented players naturally unbalanced the side. Following on these we lost Don Fraser, suspended, and later, Les Jones.

In addition, we ask members to realise the number of players cleared in Brian Randall, Kevin Curran, Phil Nagle, George Smeaton, Keith Cook, Don Balfour, Jack Broadstock, Jack Eames and George Nelson, all of whom had played with the side in recent years and had now been appointed as playing coaches or players to other teams. It was naturally a period of re-building the young players retained, into the team, but with early injuries some were played before they were quite ready.

As the season progressed and the side began to fight its way up the ladder, the critics began to forecast a Pennant for the Club but this was not to be. Losing Les Jones, our powerful follower, and further injuries to Ray Stokes, Bill Morris, Ron Durham and Max Oppy in the latter part of the year settled our hopes and we were forced to submit to Fitzroy in the Semi-Final before a record crowd. Our congratulations to the Maroons whose accurate kicking and determined play proved just too much in that vital game.

However, our members can look forward with every confidence to 1948 as the valuable experience gained by our young players will be a decided asset in our Grand Final hopes.

PRESIDENT

Members will be delighted to know that our worthy President, Mr. Harry Dyke, will be back with us at the Annual Meeting.

Harry has enjoyed a well-earned business and pleasure trip to Great Britain and as a result is much improved in health and keenly looking forward to another good season for his Club. Prior to his departure he was tendered a Farewell Dinner by the Committee and friends at the Hotel Australia when opportunity was taken to present him with travelling cases from his admirers at the Club.

The Victorian Football League through popular Secretary, Mr. Like McBrien, M.L.C., also made a presentation of inscribed gold cuff-links on the eve of his departure. At both functions many eulogistic references were made to his abilities and personality and opportunity was taken to wish him good health, a pleasant trip and a safe return.

It may not be known generally by members that Harry has for years sent several food parcels weekly to England to assist deserving cases. It is the intention of Mr. Dyke to study conditions in the countries he will visit and to particularly investigate the methods and management of sport in England, paying special attention to Soccer and Rugby. The experience gained should prove of value to the V.F.L. and Richmond in matters of administration.

At the conclusion of the season, Harry warmly congratulated Jack Dyer and the players on their splendid performance in making the Four. In proof of his appreciation he presented the players with trophies on several occasions during the year, and it is safe to say that had we been fortunate enough to have won the Pennant in 1947, the players would have had a bumper season with trophies from his many friends and self.

It is the sincere wish of all at the Club that he will be much improved in health on his return from overseas, and that he will see his team contesting the 1948 Final Series. On behalf of all members we thank Mr. Dyke for his devotion and time given to the Tigers in his endeavour to bring greater success to the Club.

OUR VICE-REGAL MEMBER

Members will be delighted to know that our Number One ticket holder, His Excellency Sir Winston Dugan, has assented to a further extension of his term of office as Governor of Victoria until May, 1948. We are proud of the association of Sir Winston with the Tigers during his long and honored term as our Governor. In a New Year message to our President he conveyed his best wishes to the members for greater success in the coming season. We heartily reciprocate the sentiments expressed and join with all Victorians in wishing Their Excellencies good health and happiness.

MEMBERSHIP

At long last the ambition of officials has been realised in passing the objective of 5,000 adult members. Special praise must be given to our hard-working Ticket Secretary, Mr. Percy Langdon, and his enthusiastic band of ticket-sellers. They, with the loyal body of business people who act as ticket agents, are deserving of our warmest thanks. However, we are far from satisfied and will continue to stress on our supporters the need to further assist the Club by purchasing a member's ticket until we reach the total achieved by other successful League Clubs of between 7,000 to 10,000 a season. If each of our members could induce a friend or relation to become a Tiger member he would be doing the Club an excellent service.

Another pleasing feature was the sale of a record number of junior membership tickets in 1947. This augurs well for our future as we firmly believe in our slogan "Once a Tiger, always a Tiger." To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dyer we extend our appreciation for their effort in again disposing of over 1,000 tickets. In this work a number of our players in Bill Morris, Ray Stokes, Frank Bourke, Les Jones, Noel Ross and Leo Maguire assisted on Saturday mornings and we thank them for their excellent Club spirit. We look forward to a further increase in the sale of adult and junior membership tickets in 1948.

HONORARY TREASURER

The Club was fortunate in securing Mr. J. J. Smith, Committeeman, to take this important position left vacant by the retirement of Mr. C. E. Turner, after nine years' excellent service. Mr. Smith was well equipped for the task as he had been Assistant Secretary for a number of years and then Honorary Secretary from 1932-1938, a position he filled with great credit. In his first year as Treasurer

he has won the admiration of all at Richmond by his tact and consideration of all financial requirements. Jack is able to present a fine balance sheet for the approval of members.

V.F.L. DELEGATES

Without opposition, Messrs. Harry Dyke and Frank O'Brien were re-elected as delegates to the Victorian Football League and once more they capably represented us on the various sub-committees to which they were elected. In addition they took a prominent part in all discussions at full V.F.L. meetings. Mr. Dyke was granted leave of absence by our Committee to enable him to visit England, and Mr. Jack Smith was elected as our proxy delegate. We thank them for the attention given their varied duties and for their able representation of our views to the League.

FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Each year the work of these two Committees becomes more important. With extra receipts from membership ticket sales, donations and gate receipts being absorbed in purchasing materials, many at much higher prices, care was necessary in handling the finances of the Club. Messrs. Frank O'Brien (Chairman), M. J. Bolger, R. H. Dunn, J. M. Fleming and J. J. Smith comprised the Finance Committee, and with Messrs. Harry Dyke and Pat Kennelly formed the Executive Committee.

A number of conferences were held with the Richmond Cricket Club Executive on matters relating to the ground and finances therefrom and proved mutually satisfactory. In these conferences, the experience of the Presidents of the two Clubs, Messrs. Jim Macdermott and Harry Dyke, and their tolerant outlook on all contentious matters, proved of great value.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Our deepest thanks are extended to Messrs. P. J. Kennelly (Chairman), J. Dyer, L. Merrett, W. A. Quinn and J. Titus, who with Mr. H. J. Dyke as proxy delegate, formed the Selection Committee. Each meeting was also attended by the 2nd Eighteen coach, Alby Pannam, and his weekly reports on the Cubs' best players frequently won promotion for young players. The close co-operation on all training matters between First and Second Eighteens had much to do with the success of both Clubs in 1947.

CAPTAIN AND COACH

Little can be added to the lustre already attached to the name of our champion, Jack Dyer, who again had the responsibility of playing coach and captain of the 1947 Tigers. Completing his 17th season with the Club he has now played 279 premiership games, whilst to be the only player on the list to play the whole 20 matches said much for the care of his physical condition. Jack is now second only to former champion, Jack Titus, in games played for Richmond and as he will again play in 1948, he has a grand chance to surpass that wonderful record of 294 games. Jack commenced his career in 1931 and although he has received many astounding and lucrative offers to coach other Clubs, both City and Country, he has remained loyal to the Tigers.

His assistance in scouting for players, his many and varied lectures to our own district teams and clubs in suburbs and country plus his continued good football still hold for him the proud place of Number One Australian Rules Football Personality. Members would be delighted to see the esteem in which he is held wherever he goes. Jack is truly our greatest asset. He receives Mr. Doug Stewart's fine trophy for the Best Clubman, a title justly deserved as the welfare of the Club, its members, committee, players and staff is his first and last thought. Congratulations, Jack, on another splendid season.

VICE-CAPTAIN

Leo Merrett was again selected by the Committee to act as Vice-Captain and at all times gave of his best for the Club. Leo has now completed his 8th season and has maintained his brilliant form during that time. With Max Oppy, Leo won Carnival honours in 1947 and played fine football for Victoria in Hobart.

Whilst Leo was away, popular Bill Morris acted as Vice-Captain against Hawthorn, and also had the honour of leading the side as Jack Dyer left the field injured at half-time. Our thanks to both for their co-operation with the selectors and coach.

COMMITTEE

With receipts totalling just under £8,000 in 1947, the need for a capable and efficient Committee was never more apparent. Football has now developed into big business and Richmond is most fortunate in having experienced and able men to handle their affairs. Each has his allotted task and performs same with credit to the Club and himself. The sub-committees comprise Executive, Finance, Selection, Social, Ticket-selling and Employment. Each meets frequently to discuss many varied matters affecting the welfare of the Club. Proof of their efficiency is the solvent and successful position we hold in the sporting world. Here we pay special tribute to Mr. Frank O'Brien, Chairman of Committees for many years, who has been a tower of strength to your officials. We also desire to express appreciation to all Committeemen for their work and devotion to the Tigers.

Our thanks also to Mr. Les Sinclair, R.C.C. Representative; Mr. Jim Joyce, 2nd Eighteen Delegate; and to Players' Representatives, Jack Dyer, Bill Morris and Bill Perkins for their advice and co-operation.

TRAINERS AND STAFF

Mr. Irvine (Jim) Booth was once more selected as our Head Trainer. A qualified First Aid Instructor, his work and the co-operation of his fellow trainers Jim Evans, Bill Hawley, Frank Hegarty, Nick Healey, Alby Keyhoe and Bill McDonald was a decided asset to the Club. We desire to also thank Harry King, Cubs' Head Trainer, and his assistants Bill Hawley, Jnr., and Ray Julier for their help.

Les Gordon continued as Door Steward and gained the approval of all by his tact in handling this onerous duty. The attendance of veteran Lou Cameron at several games was warmly received and although still ill, he assisted whenever possible.

Thanks as extended to our capable staff in Charlie Gregson and his assistant, Rex Dunstan (Boot Studders), Bill Stanbrough (Timekeeper), Alex Salvado (for transporting gear and general assistance), Tom Griffin (Players' Property Steward) and Bob Burton (Hon. Chiropodist).

Here again we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to Charlie Callander and his assistant, Pat O'Shannassy, in charge of the property of the Club. In previous reports we have mentioned the work performed by our Property Stewards and it is safe to say that in 1947 they excelled all previous efforts. Charlie has now been associated with the Tigers for 29 years and is one of the most capable officials in the Victorian Football League. Proof of this was forthcoming when he was selected by the League to be Property Steward to the Victorian Carnival Team in Tasmania, a position he filled with his usual efficiency.

We thank all members of our Training Staff for their work and assistance to the Committee during the past season.

PLAYERS

From the 150 players and recruits recommended to the Club prior to the 1947 season, a final list of 40 and a supplementary list of six lads under 19 years were retained. Injuries and clearances to and from the Club caused variations during the year but the ability of those kept was proved when the first, second and third eighteens made the finals. It was particularly pleasing to officials to have so many promising locals make the list and actually play. Best of these new lads was undoubedtly Ken Roberts, winner of Harry Dyke's Bill Cosgrove Memorial Trophy. Ken came from Richmond Uniteds, a Club which has given us a number of fine players in recent years. Another local to impress was Ron Evans from our Third Eighteen, but who unfortunately met with a serious injury early in the season. During the year we played twelve first-year players and the policy of retaining young footballers of ability gave us a list with an average age of 22 years. This will be to the benefit of the Club in the future.

In addition we were able to assist other players to obtain lucrative coaching positions Interstate and country, and many letters of appreciaion were received. It may be interesting to members to here quote the names of some players at the Club in recent years who are now coaching:—Len Ablett, Don Balfour, Andy Brannan, Bob Bawden, Bill Boromeo, Jack Crane, Jack Cotter, Kevin Curran, Jack Eames, Bert Edwards, Dick Harris, Ray Martin, Des Martin, Alan McDonald, Phil Nagle, Bruce McKissock, Brian Randall, Joe Reilly, Roy Quinn, George Smeaton, Jack Sullivan, Jack Symons and Bern Waldron. Add to these, three former Tigers coaching League sides in F. V. ("Checker") Hughes (Melbourne), Perc Bentley (Carlton), and Bob McCaskill (North Melbourne) and it will be seen that the Tigers have played a prominent part in the administration of football in recent years.

The prospects for 1948 are bright. Most of the players at present with the Club will be available again, and a number of juniors have already been recommended by our friends who act as scouts for the Club. From the many junior teams in our district we must secure several promising players, whilst a number of country players have been highly recommended, including one follower whom we believe will be a certainty for the final list.

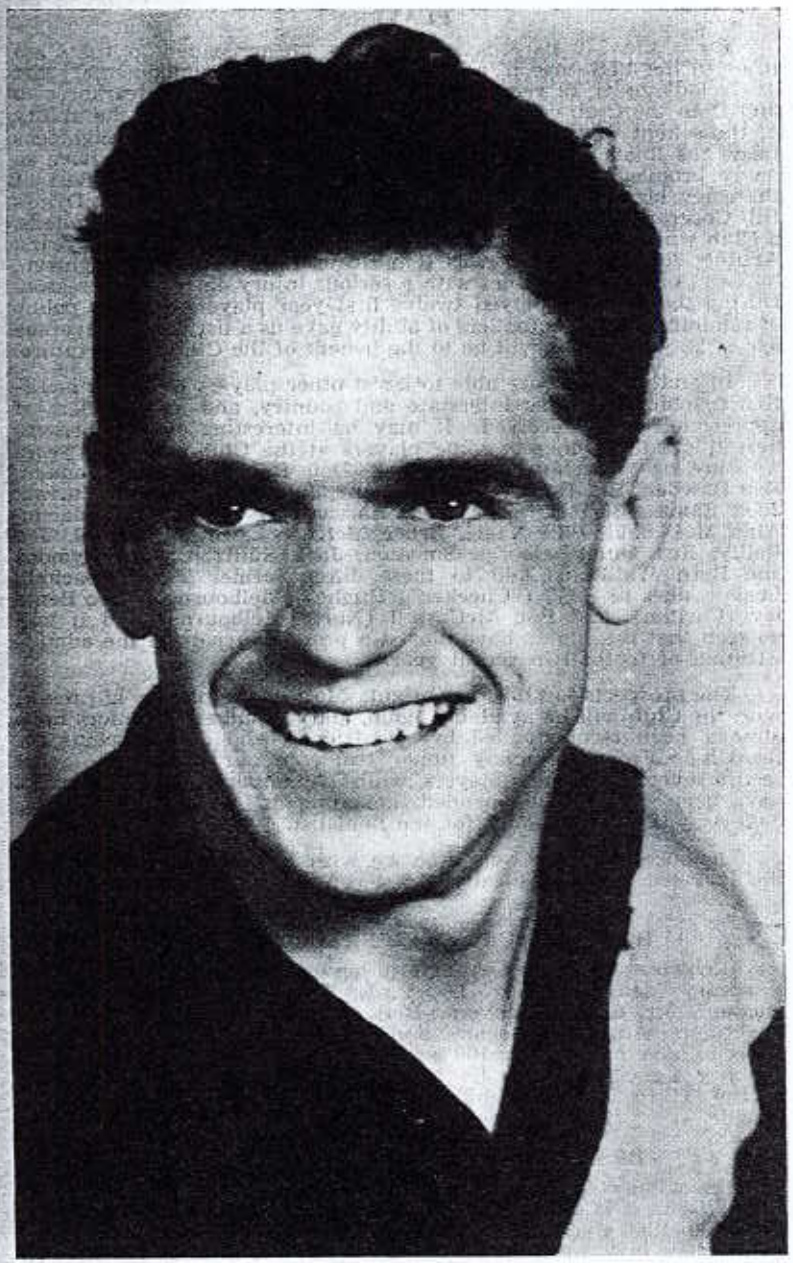
On behalf of the Committee we wish to thank all members of the 1947 list for their loyalty and co-operation.

HON. MEDICAL OFFICER AND MASSEUR

Richmond is indeed fortunate to have the skilled services of our Honorary Medical Officer, Dr. P. L. Grogan, and our Honorary Masseur, Mr. Gordon Chivers. Both gentlemen work in close collaboration with the Selectors and Head Trainer and bend every effort to have our players 100% fit. We again offer them our thanks and pay a special tribute for their valued assistance to the players of the Third Eighteen and the newly-formed Richmond Junior League.

BEST AND FAIREST PLAYER FOR 1947

The winner of this coveted trophy was our 22-year-old rover, Bill Wilson. It is doubtful if there has ever been a better performance than that given by this young player. Unable to gain a permanent place in the side in the early part of the season, Bill showed rare courage and improved his football greatly to eventually win the prize by the narrow margin of one vote from champion ruckman, Bill Morris, who must be considered extremely unfortunate to be runner-up by one vote for two consecutive years. Both players were



BILL WILSON

Best and Fairest Player Season 1947

ut of touch early but later played a big part in the fine recovery f the side which took us into fourth position.

Our congratulations also to Bill Wilson on his recent marriage. The Jack Jones Trophy will prove a valuable asset to the happy couple in their new home, whist his name will be added to other Club champions on the late Victor Thorp Memorial Shield.

Bill Morris will receive Mr. Arthur Hunt's trophy for 2nd Best and Fairest and in addition will receive the valuable Richmond News trophy from Mr. Peter Collins, awarded on the weeky vote of their Sports Writer, Mr. Gerald O'Callaghan.

THE J. D. LANGDON CUP

Although he had received several offers to play with other League and Association Clubs, Dan Knott finally secured a clearance from Collingwood to the Tigers. Showing splendid form with the Cubs he eventually won their Best and Fairest by a big margin. Dan also played in four games with the Seniors. He will receive the handsome J. D. Langdon Cup at the Annual Meeting and with it will go the warm congratulations of his team-mates for a fine performance.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

To Vice-President and Chairman of Selectors, the Hon. P. J. Kennelly, M.L.C., and 10-year player, Charlie Priestley, go the 1947 Life Memberships. Both are richly deserved as each in his sphere has given wonderful service to Richmond. Pat Kennelly has proved invaluable to officials in the matter of scouting for players and securing suitable employment for those on the list. He has always stressed on young players the need to have a position which will stand them in good stead when their football days are over. One of the most able administrators and debaters in Victorian public life, Pat held the position of Minister of Public Works and Electrical Undertakings in the Cain Ministry. In these positions he showed the same determination and ability as he has in his football career. It may not be generally known to members that he was a star player for Port Melbourne in the 1920's and later coached a number of country teams to Premierships, thereby gaining valuable experience to fit him as Chairman of Selectors of a League team.

Charlie Priestley came to the Tigers in 1938 from Dookie-Yabba and has thus completed 10 years as a player and played more than 100 games. Charlie has proved an asset to the selectors as he has played in almost every position on the field. Endowed with great courage, he has always been where the game was at its hardest, whilst as a Clubman he has few equals. During 1946 when he was striving to make the senior side, he received several splendid offers to go to Association sides but refused all to stay with the Cubs and help them to win the Second Eighteen Pennant. He well deserves his Life Membership.

Congratulations to both on attaining the highest honour the Club can bestow.

5-YEAR PLAYERS

Certificates for completing five years with the Club go to Frank Bourke, Ron Durham and Arthur Mooney. War service is taken into consideration with players who played prior to enlisting and thus Frank now mine host at Nathalia Hotel, qualifies. His severe knee injury in 1946 spoiled what would have been a great career and it was both tragic and coincidental that our star full-back, Ron Durham, suffered similar injury in 1944. Ron promised to be another Victor Thorp until his mishap, but showing great courage, continued to train and won his way back into the team. Only 26, he can still

reach the heights forecast for him and in this he will have the best wishes of all lovers of a true sportsman. Youthful veteran at 23, Arthur Mooney has given many good games at half-forward and centre, but like all stars suffered one of those unaccountable lapses of form in 1947. Arthur has abundant pace and ability and we are confident he will be a regular player in the coming season. Congratulations and the best wishes of members to all three for the future.

RICHMOND CRICKET CLUB

We are pleased to report a record year for our sister Club in the 1946-47 season. To win the V.C.A. Championship and a pennant by the 1st, 2nd and 4th elevens was an achievement which may never again be equalled. Always a successful and capably administered Club, the success on the field was long overdue and was received with acclaim in the sporting world. We offer our warm congratulations to Messrs. Jim Macdermott (President), Percy Maybury (Secretary), Merv Rankin (Treasurer), Jack Ledward, Charlie Stuckey, the Committee and players of all sides for a fine season. The cordial relations existing between the Cricket and Football Clubs have never been better and it is a pleasure to your Executive officers to work with the officers of the R.C.C. in the interests of sport in our district. We pay here a special tribute to Mr. Percy Maybury for his kindly co-operation throughout the years, and to Curator, Mr. Nick Hosking, and his staff for their continued assistance .

At considerable expense the ground is now being regraded and re-sown. To do this cricket has been willingly discontinued at Richmond this season to enable the ground to be ready for football in 1948. We all sincerely appreciate this gesture and also the thought of the Executive in holding up the work to enable the Cubs to complete their Grand Final training at home.

To honour the winning of the First Eleven Pennant, our Committee entertained the R.C.C. Committee, the 1st Eleven and popular 2nd Eleven Captain, Charlie Stuckey, at a social gathering in our rooms.

We offer our congratulations to Bill Johnston on gaining Test selection and trust that he, with Doug Ring, will follow in the footsteps of Ernie McCormack and win a well-deserved trip to England.

RICHMOND SECOND EIGHTEEN

The Cubs report another fine season tinged with regret at narrowly losing their second successive premiership. After a splendid year they were forced to lower their colors to North Melbourne who won their first Pennant, an event received with applause in football circles.

We wish to thank the Committee of the Cubs for their co-operation, particularly President Bob Knapp, Secretary Jim Joyce, Treasurer Frank Keon, and capable Captain-Coach Alby Pannam. As a result of their work, we will have a number of promising young players available from both 3rd and 2nd Eighteens. Several conferences were held between the Club Executives and did much to secure a uniform policy on administration and handling of players.

A successful social was held on the night of the Grand Final at the Pavilion. To the casual observer it would have seemed to be a Premiership celebration and not a runners-up function so well did all enjoy it, whilst the applause which greeted the toast of the North Melbourne 2nd Eighteen (Premiers) was a typical sporting gesture of the Cubs. We wish the Cubs continued success in 1948.

RICHMOND JUNIOR LEAGUE

Highlight of a splendid year of football was the establishment of the eagerly awaited Richmond Junior League sponsored by our Club. We were particularly fortunate in securing the services of Stewart Hemmerde as Honorary Organiser and in his arduous work he received great help from capable officials headed by Messrs. J. J. Smith (President), W. Hall, and J. Yewers. Six teams formed an under 18 competition. They were Kew Juniors, Richmond Citizens, Richmond Citizens' Colts, St. Ignatius, St. Matthias and St. Stephens. Grounds were secured and a grand season culminated in the finals being played on the Richmond Ground. Premiers were St. Ignatius after a fine game against Richmond Citizens. St. Ignatius were coached by our Life Member and former star rover, Maurie Hunter, and they will hold the Ern Taylor Shield donated by the former dashing half-back of that name.

During the season a pie-night and lecture was held in the Pavilion and no fewer than 162 lads attended. Addressed by their President, Mr. Jack Smith, and hearing lectures on football by Jack Dyer and Alby Pannam assured a grand evening for the lads. Opportunity was taken to also present trophies won in 1946 by players of the 3rd Eighteen.

We are confident that the Junior League will progress under the leadership of Mr. Hemmerde and his enthusiastic committee and will eventually cater for lads from school leaving age to senior ranks.

Proof of the organising ability of the officials was the sending of a party of 30 players and officials to play a game in Sydney. Most of the expense was borne by the Richmond Football Club but the lads assisted by various means to raise additional funds. A system of billeting was arranged for the boys, and the side was away for about a week. All on the trip voted it an excellent idea as it did much to improve relationships among the lads in the party, and at the same time proved a great attraction in Sydney where the side was defeated by a local side by a few points. In return for the arrangements made by our friends in Sydney, we were pleased to receive in return two sides and officials numbering 62. One team was under 18 and the other under 15. Practically all were billeted by families of the lads who had made the trip to New South Wales, but other citizens of Richmond did their part nobly in taking home and caring for several lads. The work entailed was tremendous but was well worth while as friendships made among the boys will endure for many years.

The Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Sir F. R. Connelly, and our own Mayor, Cr. Roy Jackson, extended the visitors civic receptions, and we thank them for their kindness. We also offer our deep and sincere appreciation to the good folk who billeted and cared for the big party of visitors, and particularly mention Life Member and former Committeeman, Mr. Arthur Daws, Manager of the Burnley Theatre, who arranged several parties at his Theatre, Mr. J. L. Cremean, M.L.A., and Mr. P. F. Collins, Editor of Richmond News.

We are sure that the League will prove a decided asset to us. Already the Selectors have an eye on several lads for the coming season. In forming the League, a Rule was introduced allowing only lads living in our District to play in the Competition. This should ensure a steady flow of players to the 1st and 2nd Eighteens, and also to the other open-age teams in our District. We urge our members to assist the teams in the League whenever possible and to follow its progress in the Richmond News each week.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL IN DISTRICT

We are fortunate in having within our area three teams connected with the progressive Sub-District League all of which have assisted the Tigers with players in recent years. As our District now extends through Kew, Deepdene, Balwyn, portions of Canterbury and Surrey Hills, we also have a number of other Clubs playing in open-age and church competitions which will undoubtedly prove a help in future years. Grounds continue to be a problem and it is to be hoped that the Municipalities concerned will continue to assist in the provision of suitable playing areas for the youth of their districts.

Richmond United.—Another splendid season by this progressive side resulted in their being runners-up to East Brunswick, a team they had beaten in the two previous years. It was unfortunate for the Uniteds as their third successive pennant would have meant their retaining permanently the Shield given for the Competition. Congratulations to Mr. J. L. Cremean (President), Mr. Harry Hills (Hon. Secretary), their capable young coach, Jack Bartlett, their energetic committee and players for a grand season. The Ladies Committee is also deserving of praise for the excellent Prize Night Social at the Richmond Town Hall where the players received a fine array of trophies.

Richmond District.—The Districts had the honor of producing the outstanding player in the Sub-District League in Stan Wilson, winner of the Clota Medal for the Best and Fairest in the competiion and the League's Medal for the best first-year player. In addition, Stan won the Best and Fairest award for his own Club. He had formerly played with our 3rd Eighteen in 1946 and had also been a trophy winner there. The Districts, going through a period of re-building, gave indication by several fine displays that they will take a leading part in the competition in 1948. Our congratulations to Cr. Bill Williams (President), Mr. Bill Brown (Hon. Secretary) and the committee for the energy and initiative shown in raising sufficient funds to take the team on an Interstate trip to Longford, Tasmania. In a letter received by our Club from the Secretary of the Longford Football Club, he warmly congratulated the Districts on their fine football and the excellent conduct of the party, adding that the Club was a fine advertisement for Richmond.

Kew Sub-Districts.—One of the few football Clubs functioning in Kew, this Club is doing an excellent service to Richmond in watching the welfare of some promising young players. We thank their Committee for co-operating with us at all times and wish them the success they deserve in 1948. We appeal to Kew Councillors and to residents of the Municipality to give the Club the support they so thoroughly deserve in their self-appointed task of providing footballers in the District with an opportunity of playing their favorite game.

Richmond Third Eighteen.—Working under the auspices of our 2nd Eighteen Committee, our under 19 side, coached by Alby Pannam and managed by Mr. Vin Dyer, again had an excellent season and finally finished in 3rd position. With promotions of players from the Junior League, the Thirds can look forward with confidence to next year. We tender our thanks to Messrs. Jim Joyce, Alby Pannam, and Vin Dyer for their efforts in 1947. It is with regret we report the transfer to the country of Vin Dyer who has done so much for junior football in Richmond, and we here record our appreciation of his work. The Club is fortunate that a former official of the Recruits team in Mr. Claude Wilson is available and has accepted the managership of the Thirds. Best and Fairest player of

the side in Alan Cooke will receive the R.F.C. Cup. This lad, only 17 years old and already a 6 footer, delighted our supporters in the curtain-raiser games to the senior side wearing the number 17 guernsey of his idol, Jack Dyer. The trophy will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

To all other Junior Clubs we extend our best wishes for success in the coming season. To Richmond Citizens (Premiers), to Burnley F.C. (runners-up Eastern Suburban), and to all other sides in the district who made the finals of their competitions go our special congratulations.

PLAYERS' PROVIDENT FUND

This Fund is in a particularly solvent position and is a decided acquisition to the Club in the quest for new players. A sum of £392 was added in 1947 to the credit of players who fulfilled the qualification required, i.e., participation in four or more Premiership games during the season. We invite with pride the inspection by our members of the balance sheet herein.

TROPHY DONORS TO PLAYERS

Associated with the success of the Club during 1947 have been a number of gentlemen who have been regular donors to secure adequate trophies for the players in recognition of outstanding service during the season. As in past seasons many of these valuable trophies were pooled and at the end of the season allocated on the number of games played. Our Committee is proud of the display of trophies presented to our players at each Annual Meeting and we invite the inspection of members prior to the commencement of the meeting.

To the following gentlemen we pay a special tribute for their generosity over a number of years:—Messrs. Doug Stewart, Ted Newton, Arthur Hunt, Eli Phillips, Theo Lewis, Chris Dwyer, Harry Dyke, Ray Dunn, Jack Jones, Jim Macdermott, Johnnie Smith, Pat Kennelly, Cyril Turner, Clarrie Robertson, Max Reddy, George Provan, Stan Steele, A. J. Morgan, and Dr. P. L. Grogan.

We also express the appreciation of the Committee to Messrs. Jim Brown, Baillie, Ern Bowler, Les Bamford, C. E. Boyles, Gordon Chivers, Cr. Paul Carroll, Tom Crisp, Jack Cussen, A. Creighton, D. Duffy, Jack Dyer, Doug Elliot, H. J. Emmett, Maurie Fleming, Dave Farley, Bill Finlay, Les Goring, Bob Healey, Jack Homewood, Jack Hunt, Bob Knapp, Jack Jacobs, Cr. Jim Loughnan, Jock McDougall, John McMahon, Vaughan McCarthy, Doug McKenzie, Mildura University Boys, Lawson Muir, North City (Ballarat) football players, Frank O'Brien, Bill O'Brien, Harry Pitter, Horrie Rich, Jack Ryan (Adelaide), Ted Reidy, Richmond Sports Centre, Harry Roberts, George Reynolds, Alex Salvado, Les Sinclair, Jack Scott, Jim Stroud, Senator Jim Sheehan, Ray Steele, Alan Steele, Alex Tait, Jack Titus, Bob Turnbull, Harold Tomison, Mick Tucker, Ben Welch, Jack Weston and a number of other gentlemen who have asked to remain anonymous donors.

ANNUAL TROPHIES

Best and Fairest	Mr. J. H. Jones	Bill Wilson
2nd Best and Fairest	Mr. Arthur Hunt	Bill Morris
3rd Best and Fairest	Mr. Chris Dwyer	Les Jones
Most Unselfish	Mr. Tom Crisp	Ray Stokes
Best Backman	Mr. Eli Phillips	Ron Durham
Most Reliable	Mr. Ray Dunn	Fred Cook
Most Consistent	Hon. P. J. Kennelly	Leo Merrett
Best Clubman	Mr. Doug Stewart	Jack Dyer
Most Improved	Mr. Harry Roberts	Wally Russell
Most Determined	Mr. Ted Newton	Max Oppy

Richmond Football Club - Income and Expenditure Account, Season 1947

EXPENDITURE

Team Maintenance:—						
Players' Allowances, Sustenance, Loss of Time, etc.	£2,005	0	0			
Coach and Training Staff Wages	581	5	0			
Richmond Football Club 2nd XVIII	284	0	2			
Richmond 3rd XVIII, Richmond Junior League and Junior Club Expenses	346	0	8			
Materials, Training Requisites	394	0	9			
Medical Expenses, Masseur's Fee	111	8	0			
Insurance, Players and General	135	2	4			
Entertaining Players, Officials, etc.	392	18	6			
Travelling Expenses and Cartage	401	16	2			
Laundry	26	16	6			
Refreshments	128	9	5			
Delegates' Fees	2	2	0			
Players' Provident Fund	392	0	0			
				£5,200	19	6
Administration Expenses:—						
Annual Meeting Expenses	£44	16	0			
Printing and Advertising	240	0	4			
Telephone and Telegrams	60	16	10			
Stationery and Stamps	38	11	3			
Wreaths	4	4	0			
Secretarial Allowance and Expenses	200	0	0			
Audit Fee	6	6	0			
Repairs and Replacements	174	5	6			
Presentations and Donations	129	8	5			
General Expenses, Photographs, etc.	30	8	6			
				928	16	10
Honorarias				100	0	0
Players' Trips, Xmas Tree, etc.				389	10	1
Commission on Sale of Tickets				39	11	0
Payroll Tax				38	15	9
Income Tax				16	16	0
Depreciation—Furniture and Fittings				7	15	0
Balance to Accumulation Account				791	13	8
				£7,513	17	10

RECEIPTS

Membership:—						
Sale of Tickets:						
5,277 Adult Tickets at 10/6	£2,770	8	6			
719 Scholars' Tickets at 5/-	179	15	0			
	£2,950	3	6			
Less Levy paid to V.F.L.	146	1	0			
				£2,804	2	6
Richmond Cricket Club Membership payments as per Agreement				607	18	0
Donations:—						
General	£359	4	0			
Committee for Trip Fund	428	8	6			
				787	12	6
Gate Receipts:—						
Matches, Home Ground	£1,026	2	4			
Matches, Other Grounds	1,121	7	9			
Practice Matches	27	14	4			
				2,175	4	5
Share of Second Round Proceeds:—						
Finals	£1,573	15	0			
Less Levies	759	18	2			
	£813	16	10			
Allowances	220	0	0			
				1,033	16	10
Broadcasting Fee				25	0	0
Advertising				18	18	0
Interest on Treasury Bonds				36	5	7
V.F.L. Propaganda Allowance				25	0	0
				£7,513	17	10

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB—BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1947

LIABILITIES

Players' Premiership Medals				£52	10	0
Players' Allowances in Trust:—						
Season 1945	£18	7	0			
Season 1946	11	13	6			
				30	0	6
Creditors (Audit 1947)				6	6	0
Accumulation Account, 31/12/'46	£2,059	4	6			
Plus Surplus Season 1947	791	13	8			
				2,850	18	2
				£2,939	14	8

ASSETS

E. S. & A. Bank Limited				£909	15	4
State Savings Bank, Trip Fund				428	8	6
Commonwealth Loan				1,400	0	0
Furniture, Fittings, etc.	£79	15	0			
Less Depreciation	7	15	0			
				72	0	0
V.F.L. Club Trust Account				129	10	10
				£2,939	14	8

H. J. DYKE, President.

J. J. SMITH, Treasurer.

MAURIE FLEMING, Hon. Secretary.

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB PLAYERS' PROVIDENT FUND, SEASON 1947

RECEIPTS

To Balance State Savings Bank		£1,100	12 5
„ Interest:—			
Victory Loan Bonds	£12 10 0		
State Savings Bank	13 18 4		
		26	8 4
„ Grant Richmond Football Club, Season 1947		392	0 0
		£1,519	0 9

DISBURSEMENTS

By Payments to Players:—			
Balfour, D.	£5	2	2
Broadstock, J.	34	17	0
Cook, K.	29	8	4
Curran, K.	17	2	3
Gislingham, R.		11	4
Hull, I.	51	9	5
Murray, S.	12	5	3
Nagle, P.	6	0	0
Smeaton, G.	43	18	2
Sullivan, J.	4	5	0
		£204	18 11
„ Balance State Savings Bank		1,314	1 10
		£1,519	0 9

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PROVIDENT FUND BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1947

LIABILITIES

Excess of Assets over Liabilities available to meet amounts credited to participants	£1,814	1 10
	£1,814	1 10

ASSETS

Commonwealth Third Victory Loan Bonds	£500	0 0
Balance State Savings Bank	1,314	1 10
	£1,814	1 10

DIGEST OF SALES OF 1947 MEMBERS' TICKETS

Sales—Adults	5,277
Unsold—Adults	1,017
Life Members, Donors, Complimentaries, etc.	667
Tickets sent local firms (not returned)	39
Sales—Scholars	719
Unsold—Scholars	205
Complimentary Tickets sent to Schools	76
	8,000

As issued by Printer:—	
Adults	7,000
Scholars	1,000
	8,000

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The President and Members, Richmond Football Club, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have to report that I have examined the Accounts and Transactions of your Club for the year ended 31st December, 1947.

I have been advised that the Club did not at the 31st December, 1947, have any liabilities other than those shown in the above Balance Sheet.

I have pleasure in advising that in my opinion, the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and correctly sets forth the true position of the Richmond Football Club at the 31st December, 1947, according to the information and explanations afforded me and as shown by the books of the Club.

2nd February, 1948. W. J. DOIG, Auditor, Chartered Accountant (Aust.)

SPECIAL TROPHIES

Best in Semi-Final	Mr. Arthur Hunt	Fred Cook
W. Cosgrove Memorial	Mr. Harry Dyke	Ken Roberts
Special Trophy	Mr. J. H. Jones	Ron Durham
" "	Mr. Chris Dwyer	Don Fraser
" "	Mr. Bob Healey	Bill Perkins
" "	Mr. Chris Dwyer	Fred Burge
" "	Mr. F. E. O'Brien	Ron Evans
" "	Mr. L. J. Goring	Leo Maguire
" "	Mr. A. Salvado	Laurie Taylor
" "	Mr. Maurie Fleming	Charlie Priestley
" "	Mr. A. Creighton	Jack Watson
" "	Senator J. M. Sheehan	Arthur Mooney
" "	Mr. Chris Dwyer	Alby Pannam
" "	Mr. Clarrie Robertson	Des Calverley
" "	Cr. Jim Loughnan	Ray Poulter

CONDOLENCES

Our most sincere condolences to all connected with the Club who suffered bereavement in the past year. Former V.F.L. stalwart in Mr. E. W. Copeland, of Collingwood, passed away, whilst another well-known football identity in Dr. J. Jones, Melbourne Football Club, died early in the year. We extend our deep sympathy to the relatives of both and also to the following who lost dear ones in 1947; Mr. Percy Mitchell (Fitzroy), Mr. Jack Chessell (Melbourne), Mrs. Fred Armfield, Mr. Jack House (former curator), Hughie James, Irvine Booth, Des Calverley, Jack Baggott, Ray Poulter, and Jack Roberts.

APPRECIATION

To Mr. Jock McDougall for his installation of a hot-water pipe system in the Committee and Doctor's Rooms in the Pavilion which have proved a decided asset to your officials.

The members of the Club who so generously assisted Club funds by attending Sports Parade and in other ways helped Social Secretary, Mr. Bob Healey, in his varied activities. Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Walker, of Ballarat, for entertaining our visiting players and officials, and to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ashworth for assisting with catering at our social evenings.

To our very good friends, Messrs. Doug Elliot, Max Reddy, and Johnnie McMahon who assisted in the entertainments at Richmond and in other practical ways aided the Club.

To Ernie Saunders and his capable son, George, for their attention to those who required their skilled services. Ernie has been a tower of strength to the Tigers for many years, and is a most welcome visitor to our Club-rooms.

The continued assistance of Messrs. Doug Stewart, Arthur Hunt and Ted Newton in our efforts is warmly appreciated, and their combined efforts have meant a great deal to our finances, whilst the splendid trophies given our players are gratefully acknowledged by the lucky recipients.

Once more Mr. George Provan gave his customary trophy to each player on the full training list who played in one or more games as a reward for the side making the Finals.

Our very special thanks to Mr. Eli Phillips, Mr. Albert Smith, Mr. Stan Moore and Mr. Fred Chatto for their many friendly gestures and gifts to the Club.

To the Hon. L. H. McBrien, M.L.C., Secretary of the V.F.L. his able assistant, Mr. Eric McCutchan. and their staff for the courtesy and help given our officials during the year. Members will be delighted to know that Miss M. Smith of the League staff has made a good recovery from a long and serious illness.

Whilst Jack Dyer was in Hobart as a visitor to the Carnival, Mr. Jim McGowan, Head Masseur of the Hobart Football Club, gave expert attention to the injured hand and shoulder. As a result, Jack was able to play in our next competition match. Our best thanks to Mr. McGowan for his kindness, and for his gesture in refusing payment for his services.

To Mr. Bill Higginbotham, Life Member and former Committeeman, who again assisted the training staff by attending to players before and during the semi-final game, a service greatly appreciated by our Coach.

To Messrs. Pat Casey, Bill Madigan, Vaughan McCarthy and the members of the staff of the Richmond City Council for their assistance throughout the season.

A list of the ladies and gentlemen who act as agents for the sale of our membership tickets is shown in this Report. We offer them thanks for their help to Richmond, and urge our members to continue to purchase their tickets from our agents early in the training period.

Committee-room Door Steward, Dick Hohmuth, again generously gave his services to the Committee each Saturday, and also gave officials splendid assistance at Sports Parade and the Annual Meeting.

To Mr. Jack Chandler, Jnr., Mr. Ern Bowler, and Mr. Kevin Thoms for generous help in various matters, and to Mr. Eric Siggins, Managing Director of Cereal Distributors Ltd., for once more assisting us with advertising on our membership tickets.

In the quest for new players, Mr. Harold Tomison proved invaluable by making his car available without cost, and with Asst. Secretary, Martin Bolger, did excellent work in securing new players for 1948.

1947 saw the retirement of Mr. E. A. Bennett, Secretary of Prince Henry's Hospital, from active duty. We wish to record our sincere thanks to him and to his co-worker, Colonel R. J. Wallis, for their many acts of kindness in securing expert attention to players when injured.

To Jack Titus for his coaching of the Richmond Citizens under 15 team, and to Max Oppy for assistance on several occasions to the Kew Juniors.

To the sporting writers and broadcasters of the Melbourne press and wireless stations for their great help on all occasions. Without publicity our game could not live and the generous co-operation of the sporting commentators has assisted the Tigers greatly in recent years. We wish to specially thank Messrs. Percy Taylor and Nigel Balfe ("Argus"), Alf Brown ("Herald"), Brian Feely, Kevin Hogan and Kevin Brosnan ("Sun"), Percy Beames, Charlie Merrick and David Matthew ("Age"), Hec De Lacy and Bruce Andrew ("Sporting Globe"), Peter Collins and Gerry O'Callaghan ("Richmond News"), sporting journalists, and radio men Norman Banks and Jack Green (3KZ), Doug McKenzie (3XY), Eric Welch and Dick Cranbourne (3DB), Mel and Les Morris (A.B.C.), Jack Gurry and John McMahon (3UZ), and Fred Tupper (3AW). To Messrs. George Cathie, Snr. and Jnr., and Bill Cathie of the "Football Record" also for their co-operation.

To Mr. Bert Gaskin and Mr. Wright, Snr., (father of Roy) for assistance in carriage of materials.

To Messrs. A. V. Barwood, N. Eyre, Laurie Langdon, N. Aston, F. Pittard and Mick Fleming for special efforts in selling membership tickets.

GENERAL

On the eve of his departure for West Australia to take up a business appointment, Mr. Doug Williams was the recipient of a presentation from the Club. Doug has been associated with cricket and football in our district for some years and is a son of Cr. Bill Williams, President of Richmond District Football Club. We wish him success in his new sphere.

The V.F.L. Trainers' Association who do so much to help our game and the charitable efforts sponsored by the Clubs still meet at our Pavilion, and continues to function successfully.

Members will be distressed to learn that our mascot "Loretta," who had been progressing so well that it was reported she would soon take her first steps for four years, has suffered a fracture of the leg during a course of exercises. As a result her progress will be retarded for some weeks, but we are still confident this lovely child will ultimately be able to walk again. At present, thanks to our generous donors, she is in Adelaide under expert treatment and the kindly care of friends of her family. There is still a small credit in our Trust Fund, but when cash is required we have no fears that our good friends will once more rally to her aid. In frequent letters of her progress the parents of "Loretta" send good wishes and thanks to the Tigers for the help given their child.

Our capable Asst. Secretary, Martin Bolger, was appointed by the Committee to take charge of statistics on recruiting of players and now has an index on local, suburban unallotted, and country players available which should prove a great asset to the Club in coming years. Having been a player for 10 years, Martin knows the requirements of the Club and the standard necessary in recommended players.

It is a pleasure to report that the donations in 1947 constitute a record for the Club. In eight years they have risen from £49 to £359, a splendid tribute to the generosity of our patrons. We invite inspection of our members of the list contained in this Report, and also assure them that we will gratefully acknowledge donations from them in the coming season. We thank all listed herein for their assistance.

No fewer than 500 telegrams and letters of congratulation and good wishes were received by the Club for the Semi-Final. It was not possible to answer all as in many cases addresses were not shown. We take this opportunity of thanking all for the support given in this way, and in particular desire to mention Mr. Stan Keon, M.L.A., although in North Queensland, sent a number of good luck telegrams to players.

During recent years considerable improvements have been made to the Committee and Training Rooms. Lockers for the players and trainers, ray-lamps for treatment of injured, hot water system, improved lighting, honor board, committee table have all been installed and have made our rooms equal to any in the V.F.L. It is the intention of the Committee to make further improvements which will make for the comfort of the players of the future.

Members will be pleased to know that former player Bob Bawden, now coach of Launceston City, has made a fine recovery from his serious back operation, and will be able to lead his side again in 1948. Also that former Vice-President Arthur Hunt, one of our most generous trophy donors, and Hon Chiropodist, Bob Burton, have also recovered from long illnesses. Our best wishes to all.

The end of 1947 season saw the retirement of one of the most colorful personalities in Australian Rules Football in Mr. H. L. (Lal)

McLennan, player, committeeman and President of the Fitzroy Football Club for over 40 years. Lal is one of the most lovable personalities in sport in Victoria and his experience will be sadly missed in the future deliberations on football, unless he can be persuaded to take a part in one of the many committees connected with the V.F.L. We sincerely congratulate him on a wonderful career, and on behalf of all Tigers wish him good health, long life and prosperity in the future.

With the re-entry of many country and Interstate clubs into football a number of League Clubs were asked to play a part in the initial stages of their re-organisation. In this, we are proud to state we played a prominent part. Not only with the supply of coaches, but in the matter of securing gear, amending rules, etc., we, with other clubs, did our best to help. Many letters have been received offering thanks to the Tigers, but those helped have our assurance that we are delighted to help kindred clubs at all times.

Thanks to the organisation of Clemenger Productions through their live-wire mentor, Jack Clemenger, and aided by his capable assistants Doug Elliot and Max Reddy, the Kia-Ora Sports Parade through station 3KZ at the Melbourne Town Hall was the highlight of the social work of the Club. Three weeks before the night, there was not one seat available thanks to the energetic salesmanship of the good folk who acted as ticket agents without cost to the Club. We refer to Alexanders Stores, the Ron Todd Sports Centre, Hartleys Sports Store, the Melbourne Sports Depot, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dyer and we offer all our most sincere thanks.

To the Directors of Kia-Ora must also go our appreciation for their thought in sponsoring this fine Parade which has done so much for sporting Victoria and played a big part in raising funds for Clubs and various Charities. We have already booked the Melbourne Town Hall for our 1948 Parade which will again be held in August, and we advise our members to book as soon as the booking is opened as announced through 3KZ. We desire to thank Mr. Norman Banks, Miss Margot Sheridan, Mr. Lew Bennett and the staff of that station for their co-operation in a memorable night for the Tigers.

Local schools again received a number of membership tickets for distribution by sportsmasters among selected scholars each week. We hope to be able to secure footballs again for the schools as donated by our Club in the past years, but which have been in such short supply in the last two seasons.

CONGRATULATIONS

To R.C.C. skipper, Jack Ledward, who has passed the tremendous total of 7,000 runs in V.C.A. Pennant Cricket, and for his leadership of the 1st Eleven to a fine Premiership.

During 1947, our Captain-Coach Jack Dyer reached his 279th game in his seventeenth season, whilst Charlie Priestley passed 100 games, and Fred Burge, Fred Cook and Bill Wilson their 50th match.

To Carlton on a splendid fighting finish which won them the Pennant and in particular to Messrs. Ken Luke (President), Harry Bell (Secretary), Perc Bentley (Coach), and Ern Henfry (Captain). Also to Essendon and Fitzroy who filled the other places in the Final Four with the Tigers.

No fault could be found with the decision of the Brownlow Medal as Bert Deacon was easily the outstanding player of the season. A further honor to this fine sportsman was the winning of the K. G. Luke Cup for the best player in the Victorian Carnival side, whilst he also tied for the Best and Fairest of his Club. It was

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truly a Carlton year as Mr. Luke was a fine manager of the Carnival side and his head trainer (Mr. C. Anderson) was warmly congratulated on his excellent work for the team.

To A. (Phonse) Kyne for his dual performance in gaining the Captaincy of the Victorian side, and passing 200 games with his Club, the Magpies. And to our own Charlie Callander for his work as Property Steward to Mr. Luke's successful team.

Messrs. Jack Buckley (Fitzroy), Roy Russell (Footscray) and Laird Smith (Geelong) accepted positions as full-time Secretaries for their clubs. and have already proved assets to the members. Our best wishes for their success, and also to Mr. J. A. ("Sandy") Gray, newly appointed Hon. Secretary to the Melbourne Football Club. A former footballer, Mr. Gray should know the requirements of a League Club, and we are sure he will be a success in his new position.

To our champion follower Bill Morris on decisively winning the Richmond News Trophy, and to Jack Sullivan, former player, on winning the Hobart Mercury Trophy for the best Hobart League footballer.

Members will be pleased to know that Stan Tomlins is still held by our Club on a registration form, and we hope will play with us next season. Stan was easily the best player in the Association and won the trophy given by that body by a substantial margin.

To North Melbourne 2nd Eighteen on winning their first Premiership since entering League ranks, and to Port Melbourne on again taking the V.F.A. Pennant, being capably led by Bill Findlay, former North Melbourne star.

To Sir F. Ray Connolly, Lord Mayor of Melbourne, on his being Knighted, and for his great work in providing a seaside camp for country children.

Jack Turner had the misfortune to fall from a window early in the season and sustained painful injuries necessitating his retirement from football for the year. Our members will be pleased to know that Jack has made a splendid recovery and intends to have a try-out this year. He will have the best wishes of all true sports in his come-back.

Chairman of Selectors, Hon. Pat Kennelly, M.L.C., was honored with the selection as Australia's representative to the Inter-Dominion Labor Conference in Toronto, Canada. Unfortunately, the State political crisis caused an early return for Pat just as he was about to make a survey of conditions in England for the Australian Labor Party.

To Max Oppy and Leo Merrett on gaining Carnival selection for which they, and Charlie Callander, received suitable presentations from the Club. To Lou Richards for winning the "Herald" and the "Sporting Globe" trophies, and to Fred Fanning on again leading the V.F.L. goal-kicking.

A signal honour to the Tigers in 1947 was the appointment of Mr. Percy Page as Hon. Secretary of the Australian National Football Council, and as his assistant, former player, Mr. Jack Baggott. Added to this was the appointment of Mr. Bob McCaskill, a former player, to coach the players enrolled in the V.F.L. Coaching Class. A splendid tribute to three fine administrators from our Club.

To Bob Chitty, virile opponent and former Carlton star, on gaining selection to play the part of Ned Kelly in the recently filmed picture depicting the life of that notable Australian character.

We express the best wishes of members to the following who have been married since our last Report: Tom Coles, Bert James, Leo Maguire, Max Oppy, Charlie Priestley, Roy Quinn, Ken Roberts, Ray

Stokes, George Smeaton, Bob Wiggins and Bill Wilson, and to the following who have celebrated a happy event: Mr. and Mrs. Ben Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bourke, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Hill, Jnr., Mr. and Mrs. Bill Perkins, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reilly.

Congratulations to both Doug Ring and Bill Johnston, R.C.C. stalwarts who are doing so well in Shield Cricket. All Tiger supporters wish them well in their bid for selection for the Austraian Cricket tour of England.

SOCIAL AND CHARITABLE WORK

Once more our energetic Social Secretary, Bob Healey, aided by his President, Les Goring, Charlie Callander, and a number of lady enthusiasts handled the social activities at the Club in a capable manner. Few members realise the calls on the time of a committeeman who accepts the position of Social Secretary of a Senior Club, and at Richmond we are fortunate in having so genial a man as Bob Healey at the head of affairs. During the past year, Bob excelled all his previous efforts in this work and we offer to him and to the other members of his Committee our appreciation. During the year, the ladies who assisted were entertained at a Theatre Night at the Tivoli and a supper later at the Committee Rooms arranged by Charlie Callander.

A number of social cricket matches were played at St. Kevin's Oval per favour of Bro. Rahill, and proved enjoyable outings, whilst the picnics at St. Andrews and with the South Melbourne Football Club at Montrose did much to cement the good feeling existing between the Clubs.

We again assisted in various ways numerous charitable appeals and contributed to wireless appeals per 3KZ and 3DB. Help was given to the Druids' Lodge with collections, etc., in their fine appeal for Food for Britain and Prince Henry's Hospital. We continued our efforts through the Club for Prince Henry's Sportsmen Ward Fund and we are sure that the total raised by this honorary committee in the years it has functioned, over £30,000 must be a record. We are proud of our association with this fine Hospital. Ward 400 in the Hospital is now the Sportsmen's Ward dedicated to the generosity of the sporting public of Melbourne, and we invite inspection by our members. The Ward is in two parts comprising surgical Wards for both men and women. During the season the League and Association Umpires played a football match at Olympic Park for the Hospital, and more than £100 was raised on a poor day. Prior to Christmas, both bodies were tendered a smoke night at our Pavilion where £20 was raised for one of the umpires injured in the game. This was an excellent night compered by Joe Fleming with amateur artists supported by Messrs. Max Reddy and Doug Elliot. The cost of the Social was defrayed by our Club as a donation to Prince Henry's, and a Life Membership will be conferred on a selected representative from Richmond in the near future.

A splendid night was given a party of 25 of our players, staff and officials at Collingwood Social Rooms by the Magpies. All who attended reported an excellent night, and we will have pleasure in returning this compliment within the next few weeks. We thank Mr. Gordon Carlyon for this thoughtful gesture.

Several players' dinners were catered for at the pavilion by the Social Committee once more aided by officials of the 2nd Eighteen. The boys thoroughly enjoy these nights and the lecture from Coach Jack Dyer which follows.

The Christmas Tree held on the Saturday prior to Christmas Day was voted the best yet conducted by the Club. Over 90 children were present and received toys from Father Christmas, Mr. Percy Langdon, who thoroughly enjoys his task. In addition to toys, the

children and mothers were provided with all kinds of refreshments and the entertainment arranged by Mr. Joe Fleming was warmly applauded. The tree and decorations were handled by Bob Healey and Charlie Callander. Every committeeman with the exception of Mr. Dyke was in attendance assisting with the children. We wish to thank all who helped to make the tree so successful, but in particular mention Messrs. Healey, Callander, Langdon, Joe Fleming, Chris Dwyer and Jack Dyer, and Mesdames J. Dyer, L. J. Goring and M. Fleming for their outstanding work.

During the year we also entertained a number of visiting Clubs from other States and country districts. The N.S.W. Carnival side trained at Richmond and were provided with refreshments and some entertainment passing through to Tasmania, whilst the Subiaco team was entertained at a Theatre Party at the Tivoli when they were in Melbourne at Carnival time. Members of the Macalburn team from Hobart had a pleasant Sunday morning at the ground, and some of the lads passing through Melbourne to Perth for the Schools' Carnival from N.S.W., Tasmania and Queensland were also welcomed.

The Dances held by the Cubs at the pavilion were well attended by senior officials and players, and the 2nd Eighteen is to be congratulated for these get-togethers. The senior Dance at Richmond Town Hall was also a fine evening, and well attended by supporters.

The End-of-Season Trip to Clifton Springs was only for a week-end but there was never a dull moment. The Springs are splendidly situated and within easy reach of the City, and those on the trip were able to play golf and tennis, whilst a visit to Barwon Heads to the home of Cr. Jack Jennings, President of the Geelong Club, was well received. The social arrangements for the trip were in the hands of Martin Bolger, and he kept the party moving. Some weeks previously, following the Geelong match, a party of 75 had spent the week-end at the Springs and had an excellent time, so that the End-of-Season visit was well planned. It is the intention of the Club, subject to permission of the West Australian League, to visit Perth and Kalgoorlie at the end of the 1948 season. This has been eagerly awaited by the players for several years, and if undertaken, should be a great success.

Another proposal at present before the V.F.L. is the sending of an Australian football team to U.S.A. This should receive the wholehearted support of all lovers of our great game as it may bring nearer the goal of International football games of our Code. Further information is eagerly awaited.

The 2nd Eighteen visit to Deniliquin at the end of the year was well attended and a number of senior players made the trip. A most enjoyable time was had by all, and the game against the locals was won by the Cubs. The trip was made in parlour coaches and the journey broken at a number of interesting places on the way.

The establishment of the League Provident Fund will prove a boon to players to the future and has realised the dream of many of the old administrators of our game. Details are not yet completed but the scheme is functioning and money is being placed to the credit of the players who will be eligible. We congratulate the V.F.L. and the far-seeing officials who have made this progressive scheme possible.

During the summer months, players from our Club have assisted swimming carnivals arranged for various purposes by taking part in events. At one arranged by the Water Polo Association, Les Jones narrowly won from Roy Wright, and collected a nice cup. The R.S.S.A.I.L.A. carnival is also being assisted by our Club.

SECRETARY'S APPRECIATION

At the conclusion of my eighth season as Honorary Secretary of the Club, I wish to sincerely express my thanks to the Committee, Players and Training Staff for their kindly assistance and co-operation in my duties. Without that help it would not have been possible to retain the position for so long a term. In concluding eight years' office I had the honour of passing the seven years term of Mr. J. J. Smith and the late W. H. (Dad) Maybury, and equalling the eight years of another grand man in Percy Page. As always Richmond has worked as a team and the good fellowship, comradeship and willingness to assist one another is but a tradition built into the Club by the many excellent officials of the past.

In the 40 years the Tigers have been in the V.F.L. we have only had 7 Presidents, 8 Secretaries and 8 Treasurers whilst in the last 14 years we have had only two playing coaches. This stability of office has definitely spelt success for the Club.

May I offer to all my deep appreciation and to tender special thanks to our Prince of Presidents, Harry Dyke, Coach Jack Dyer, Head Trainer Irvine Booth, Treasurer Jack Smith, Social Secretary Bob Healey, and finally, but by no means the least, Charlie Callander, property steward and committeeman. To the many good friends not mentioned in this Report who have been so good to the Club we express our deepest thanks.

I am certain that 1948 will be another successful season for Richmond if our supporters again give us that warm co-operation so generously tendered the Club last year.

MAURIE FLEMING,
Hon. Secretary.

ADDENDUM

London, 27/12/'47.

To the Members,

Once again I wish to express my thanks on behalf of the members of our Club to our Secretary, Maurie Fleming, whose work is outstanding among League Secretaries. He is tireless in his efforts to further the interests of our Club. I know that he has received lucrative offers from other Sporting Clubs who know his worth, but Maurie is nothing if not loyal to Richmond.

For some time now we have known that the day of the full-time Secretary has arrived. Fitzroy, Geelong and Footscray have already appointed full-time men. Carlton and Melbourne will more than likely do so this year, whilst the matter is under the consideration of all Clubs. At the Annual Meeting we will ask the members to vote for an alteration to our Rules to allow the Committee to appoint a full-time Secretary. We have the man for the job in Maurie Fleming but I am certain that it will take all his time as the competition for players is extremely keen, and it is essential that we secure talented players as we must retain our position as one of the leading Clubs in the League. I ask you for the good of the Club to support the alteration of the Rules to make this possible.

I tender my thanks to the Committee, Staff and our players, led by our capable Captain-Coach Jack Dyer, for the wonderful effort in making the Final Four with such a young side. We look with every confidence to 1948.

HARRY DYKE,
President.

FIVE, TEN, FIFTEEN-YEAR PLAYERS

Fifteen Years:

1923—H. James. 1924—V. Thorp (16 years). 1939—P. Bentley (16 years). 1940—J. Titus (18 years). 1945—J. Dyer.

Ten Years:

1919—B. V. Herbert, P. Maybury, S. Reeves. 1921—C. H. Hall. 1923—F. V. Hughes. 1924—F. Harley. 1926—J. Smith, D. Don. 1934—A. Geddes, B. McCormack, T. O'Halloran. 1936—J. Murdoch. 1939—K. O'Neill, M. Bolger. 1940—R. Martin. 1943—R. Harris, J. Symons. 1947—C. Priestley.

Five Years:

1913—E. Ohlsen, W. Mahoney, R. Bowden, G. Gibson. 1914—F. McCashney, F. Love. 1916—D. J. Moffatt. 1918—A. J. Bettles, R. T. Hede. 1919—H. Allessio, L. Burke, A. Danks, E. Keggin, W. Thomas. 1920—G. Bayliss. 1921—M. Hislop, R. Weatherill. 1923—G. Weatherill. 1924—F. Huggard, J. Karthaus, N. McIntosh, D. Minogue, E. Taylor. 1925—M. Morris. 1926—D. Hayes. 1927—A. McIsaac, G. Rudolph. 1929—D. Lynch. 1930—R. Empey, D. Harris, H. Weidner, K. Millar. 1931—J. Baggott, C. Watson. 1932—W. Benton, B. Foster, S. Judkins. 1933—M. Hunter, M. Sheehan. 1934—E. Zschech. 1935—G. and D. Strang. 1938—D. Guinane, R. Chergwin. 1939—G. Smeaton, J. Cotter. 1940—I. Hull, N. Dickson. 1941—J. Crane, M. O'Connell. 1942—B. Edwards. 1943—L. Ablett, R. Bawden, J. Scott. 1944—L. Merrett, W. Perkins, B. Waldron. 1945—L. Maguire, B. Randall, L. Smith. 1946—F. Burge, W. Morris, A. McDonald, M. Oppy, W. Russell, R. Steele, J. Sullivan. 1947—F. Bourke, R. Durham, A. Mooney.

RESULT OF MATCHES, SEASON 1947

Date	Richmond Versus	Result	Rich. Score G.	B.	Pts.	Oppon. Score G.	B.	Pts.
April 19	Nth. Melbourne	Won	18	27	135	15	14	104
„ 26	Fitzroy	Lost	11	10	76	13	22	100
May 3	Carlton	Lost	5	18	48	17	19	121
„ 10	Melbourne	Lost	10	12	72	18	12	120
„ 17	Hawthorn	Lost	10	9	69	16	11	107
„ 24	Geelong	Won	18	18	126	11	11	77
„ 31	Collingwood	Won	10	14	74	10	13	73
June 7	Sth. Melbourne	Won	15	13	103	15	9	99
„ 14	Essendon	Lost	7	14	56	18	17	125
„ 21	Footscray	Won	10	12	72	4	17	41
„ 28	St. Kilda	Won	23	15	153	7	10	52
July 5	Nth. Melbourne	Won	12	11	83	4	10	34
„ 12	Fitzroy	Won	12	12	84	11	12	78
„ 19	Carlton	Lost	9	9	63	10	10	70
„ 26	Melbourne	Won	11	15	81	10	12	72
Aug. 2	Hawthorn	Won	13	18	96	8	7	55
„ 16	Geelong	Lost	13	9	87	16	19	115
„ 23	Collingwood	Won	20	14	134	8	12	60
„ 30	Sth. Melbourne	Won	16	17	113	11	13	79
	Second Round							
Sept. 6	Fitzroy	Lost	11	9	75	16	7	103
			254	276	1800	238	257	1685

Summary: Matches played, 20. Won 12, Lost 8.

Position on Final Premiership List: Fourth.

DONORS FOR 1947

	£	s	d
A. J. Morgan	25	0	0
R. L. Beatty	10	10	0
Douglas Stewart	10	10	0
George Graves	10	0	0
W. Graves	10	0	0
Theo Lewis	10	0	0
R. J. Pearn (Brisbane)	10	0	0
Sam Raphael	10	0	0
Albert Smith	10	0	0
John Smith	7	7	0
Bryant & May Pty. Ltd.	5	5	0
Miss Airdrie Cameron (Tasmania)	5	5	0
Carlton and United Breweries	5	5	0
Richard Fennessy	5	5	0
Richmond Brew. Co.	5	5	0
Ted Jackson	5	0	0
Jack Walker	5	0	0
Howard Cusworth	4	4	0
Mrs. I. A. Mulcahy	4	4	0
Richard Brett	3	3	0
M. Di George	3	3	0
E. A. King	3	3	0
P. C., McLaren	3	3	0
W. S. Nutt	3	3	0
George Provan	3	3	0
S. C. Steele	3	3	0
Jim Stroud	3	3	0
R. Werner & Co.	3	3	0
P. O'Connell	2	10	0
Abe Aarons	2	2	0
Apex Motors	2	2	0
William Archer	2	2	0
L. Arthur & Co.	2	2	0
W. J. & F. Barnes & Co.	2	2	0
George Caldis (Benalla)	2	2	0
A. Challingsworth & Co.	2	2	0
Tom Clencie	2	2	0
T. Corns & Co.	2	2	0
Engineering Prod. Co.	2	2	0
Ross Faulkner	2	2	0
Noel Foster	2	2	0
N. J. Gilchrist	2	2	0
J. A. Grainger	2	2	0
Fred Hesse	2	2	0
Wm. Horsfall & Co.	2	2	0
Joe Hubball	2	2	0
Kiwi Polish Co.	2	2	0
Love & Pollard	2	2	0
Lyke-Nu Cleaning Co.	2	2	0
C. H. Manchester	2	2	0
Alan Murray	2	2	0
Jack McAdam	2	2	0
Joe McDonald	2	2	0
Nunan Collins & Co.	2	2	0
M. R. O'Donohue	2	2	0
Clarrie Robertson	2	2	0
William Spry	2	2	0
J. M. Swan	2	2	0
D. C. Tait & Co.	2	2	0
Bob Turnbull	2	2	0
Valco Engineering Co.	2	2	0
H. R. Varley & Co.	2	2	0
McPhersons Pty. Ltd.	2	0	0
Alan Steele	1	11	6
H. A. Rogers Pty. Ltd.	1	10	0
Roy Allison	1	1	0
Herbert Adams & Co.	1	1	0
A. V. Angus	1	1	0
Jack Baggott	1	1	0
Barretts Food Co.	1	1	0
Sir Frank Beaurepaire	1	1	0
Pierce Beary	1	1	0
Cr. E. P. Boland	1	1	0
C. E. Boyles	1	1	0
Fred Burge, Snr.	1	1	0
Burnley Flour Mills	1	1	0
Leon Cohen & Co.	1	1	0
W. J. Condon & Co.	1	1	0
J. L. Cremean, M.L.A.	1	1	0
T. Curphey Pty. Ltd.	1	1	0
Jas. Dickson & Co.	1	1	0
Dimmeys Model Stores	1	1	0
Bob Ellis	1	1	0
H. Evans	1	1	0
A. E. Fayle	1	1	0
J. Ferguson	1	1	0
E. Gibbs	1	1	0
Hec. Haslem	1	1	0
H. J. Heinz & Co.	1	1	0
F. G. Hewett	1	1	0
J. A. Hickmer & Sons	1	1	0
Hicks Bros. Chemicals	1	1	0
Jack Jacobs	1	1	0
L. Jaques & Co.	1	1	0
Wm. Jarvie, Jnr.	1	1	0
J. Kennon & Sons	1	1	0
Mrs. M. Kenny	1	1	0
Charles F. Kercher	1	1	0
W. King	1	1	0
Lamson Paragon Co.	1	1	0
Clements Langford & Co.	1	1	0
R. L. Lean, J.P.	1	1	0
R. W. J. Lean	1	1	0
Leggatt Products	1	1	0
F. Derwent Lewis	1	1	0
London Baby Carriage Co.	1	1	0
W. Lord	1	1	0
Matear Bros.	1	1	0
Moulded Products Co.	1	1	0
David Mitchell Estates	1	1	0
J. W. Moran	1	1	0
J. Murray More & Co.	1	1	0
E. McCauley	1	1	0
Ted McGuinness	1	1	0

DONORS (Continued)

	£	s	d
John McIlwraith & Co.	1	1	0
G. H. Newport	1	1	0
Oliver J. Nilsen	1	1	0
Nutting & Young	1	1	0
Nuttlex Food Products	1	1	0
Vin Partridge	1	1	0
Pelaco Ltd.	1	1	0
Peters Ice Cream Co.	1	1	0
Reg Philpott	1	1	0
Tas Pickett & Co.	1	1	0
Arthur Pointon	1	1	0
Frank Power	1	1	0
Preservene Pty. Ltd.	1	1	0
J. Quinn	1	1	0
Max Reddy	1	1	0
Relova Redressing Co.	1	1	0
Richmond Art Dyers	1	1	0
L. W. Roche	1	1	0
Rosella Preserving Co.	1	1	0
C. W. Ruwolt & Co.	1	1	0
Senator C. Sandford	1	1	0
Hon. J. H. Scullin, M.P.	1	1	0
Stapleton & Lewis	1	1	0
Ray Steele	1	1	0
Stan Steele, Jnr.	1	1	0
Sutex Ltd.	1	1	0
John Sutherland & Co.	1	1	0
Mrs. N. Taylor	1	1	0
Jack Taylor	1	1	0
Tilbury & Lewis & Co.	1	1	0
Turner Mfg. Co.	1	1	0
Victorian Fibrous Plaster Co.	1	1	0
J. R. Watkins Co.	1	1	0
R. W. Waugh	1	1	0
D. Weatherston	1	1	0
H. H. Webb & Co.	1	1	0
Jack Welsh	1	1	0
A. W. Whitaker	1	1	0
D. R. Wright	1	1	0
W. O'Brien	1	1	0
Smith, Mitchell & Co.	1	1	0
E. Edwards		10	6
W. Smith		10	6
Anonymous		10	6
Total	£359	4	0

LIFE MEMBERS

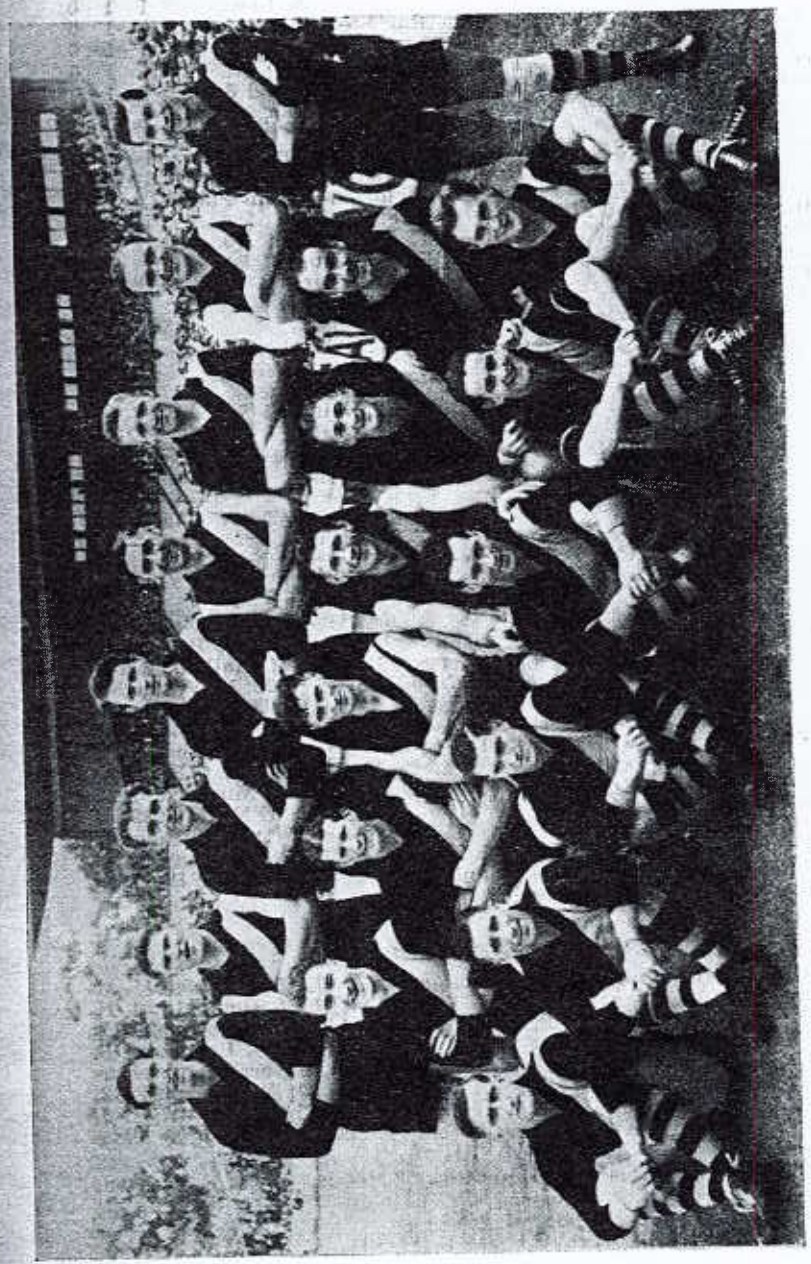
The Club's Life Membership list is as follows:—A. McNair, 1905; A. Edmond, 1908; J. H. James, 1915; W. H. Lohse, 1916; B. V. Herbert, P. H. Maybury, 1917; S. W. Reeves, 1919; C. H. Hall, D. Henry, 1920; A. Aarons, T. Delaney, 1921; A. J. Bettles, 1922; F. V. Hughes, 1923; F. Harley, 1924; D. Don, J. Smith, 1926; H. Dyke, E. Taylor, 1927; D. Hayes, 1928; W. H. Gosch, 1929; W. J. T. Higginbotham, J. J. Smith, 1930; P. Page, 1931; W. Baker, B. D. Edmond, 1932; H. Cox, L. Cameron, 1933; P. Bentley, A. Geddes, T. O'Halloran, B. McCormack, 1934; F. O'Brien, J. Titus, 1935; J. Murdoch, 1937; M. E. Sheahan, M. Hunter, 1938; M. Bolger, K. O'Neill, 1939; J. Dyer, R. Martin, 1940; A. H. Daws, C. Callander, 1941; J. M. Fleming, C. E. Turner, 1942; R. Harris, J. Symons, 1943; P. C. Langdon, G. Smeaton, 1944; J. H. Jones, E. Saunders, 1945; R. Davall, R. H. Dunn, 1946; P. J. Kennelly, C. Priestley, 1947.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCES

General Committee (18 Meetings).—H. J. Dyke, 15; J. M. Fleming, 18; J. J. Smith, 18; M. J. Bolger, 17; R. H. Dunn, 15; J. H. Jones, 17; P. J. Kennelly, 9; F. E. O'Brien, 14; J. M. Sheehan, 11; C. Callander, 18; L. J. Goring, 16; R. Healey, 18; P. C. Langdon, 18; W. A. Quinn, 16; J. Titus (elected 17/2/'47), 15; Players' Representatives (12 meetings), J. Dyer, 12; W. Morris, 10; W. Perkins, 12. Delegates: L. Sinclair (R.C.C.), 17; J. Joyce (Cubs), 17. Mr. H. J. Dyke, 3 months' leave of absence; P. J. Kennelly, 4 months' leave of absence.

Finance and Executive Committee (7 Meetings).—F. E. O'Brien, 7; H. J. Dyke, 6; M. J. Bolger, 7; R. H. Dunn, 7; J. M. Fleming, 7; P. J. Kennelly, 5; J. J. Smith, 7.

Selection Committee (22 Meetings).—P. J. Kennelly, 21; J. Dyer, 22; L. Merrett, 20; W. A. Quinn, 22; J. Titus, 21; Proxy Delegate (Mr. H. J. Dyke), 3.



THE 1947 TIGERS

Back Row (L. to R.): J. Turner, L. Jones, R. Durham, F. Bourke, R. Wiggins, R. Wright, L. Maguire, W. Morris.
Centre (L. to R.): A. Mooney, D. Fraser, W. Perkins, J. Dyer (Capt.), F. Cook, W. Russell.
Front (L. to R.): V. Hill, A. Pannam, D. Calverley, L. Merrett (V.-Capt.), R. Evans, K. Colla.

GOALKICKERS, SEASONS 1946 and 1947

	1946	1947		1946	1947
Dyer, J.	37	46	Currie, M.	—	3
Wilson, W.	17	37	Morris, W.	9	2
Fraser, D.	34	32	Russell, W.	1	2
Taylor, L.	—	31	Stokes, R.	2	2
Mooney, A.	49	16	Phillips, P.	—	2
Oppy, M.	—	10	Merrett, L.	4	1
Poulter, R.	6	9	Hill, V.	—	1
Burge, F.	23	8	Potter, R.	—	1
Ross, N.	11	8	Nagle, P.	6	—
Watson, J.	—	7	Broadstock, J.	5	—
Bourke, F.	40	6	Maguire, L.	1	—
Evans, R.	—	6	Smeaton, G.	1	—
Pannam, A.	—	6	Eames, J.	1	—
Albiston, K.	5	6	Rae, K.	1	—
Jones, L.	8	5	Deagan, K.	1	—
Rowe, D.	4	4	Calverley, D.	1	—
Wright, R.	7	3	Murray, S.	1	—
				275	254

Jack Dyer has kicked 334 goals in 17 seasons.

RESULT OF MATCHES PLAYED BY RICHMOND SINCE JOINING THE V.F.L.

Against	Won	Lost	Tied	Played
Carlton	32	54	—	86
Collingwood	34	49	1	84
Essendon	39	35	1	75
Fitzroy	41	38	—	79
Footscray	27	11	1	39
Geelong	43	29	2	74
Hawthorn	33	7	—	40
Melbourne	43	26	1	70
North Melbourne	32	5	—	37
South Melbourne	36	36	1	73
St. Kilda	46	18	—	64
	407	307	7	721